

# Louisiana Fellowship People



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Left: Drew Philpot Above: Shannon Rutherford



Team Murphy

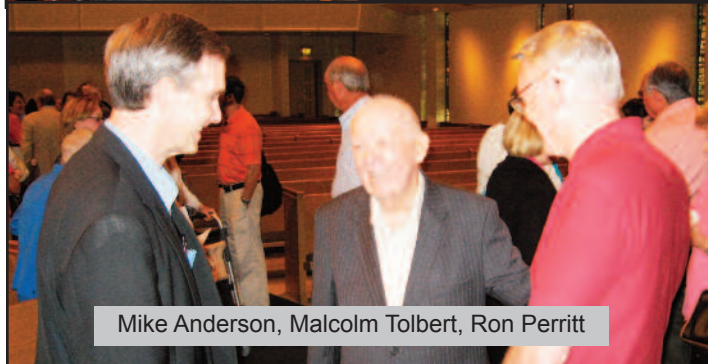


Dana Guidroz



Carol Joy Sparkman

By paint scraper or joyful voice,  
...with proclamation or power washer,  
... through pounding keys on strings or painting walls  
...amidst worship or fellowship  
... in all things praising God & being the presence of Christ



Mike Anderson, Malcolm Tolbert, Ron Perritt



Colleen Burroughs preaching



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## Winds of the Spirit

Reid Doster, Louisiana Fellowship Coordinator

We are still receiving positive feedback from the recent Stag-Tolbert Forum, with its theme "Theology Is a Verb." The music and testimonies were inspiring and Colleen Burroughs was the perfect choice as our keynote speaker.

One attendee stated: "I've supported, at least in theory, our commitment to gender equality in the pulpit, but today is the first time I've heard what I would consider a 'female preacher'."



In Colleen, the Louisiana Fellowship has a good friend. Penny and I were blessed to have her as a guest in our home. Here is a snapshot of Colleen enjoying coffee and beignets at Morning Call. Let's continue to pray for her and the vital work with Passport Inc. and Watering Malawi.

In recent weeks, we have welcomed into our fellowship New St. Mark's Baptist Church, whose pastor is The Reverend Ike Mayfield, and also The Reverend Enola Lee, a Baptist who is currently serving the Dowey-Gaston A.M.E. Church. It is now our joy to welcome, as the newest member of our fellowship, The Reverend "Red" Kennedy and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Bogalusa, located in a neighborhood where unemployment and related problems have left so many with little hope.

Our former Coordinator, John Daugherty, had faithfully nurtured a friendship with "Red," and encouraged me to do the same. Thank you, John, for laying that groundwork. The Lord is using Red Kennedy and Pleasant Hill to reflect the presence of Christ to people who



feel forgotten and unloved. The church is currently housing two homeless families in the Fellowship Hall.

CBF Louisiana Disaster Response has provided the church with a four-unit shower trailer so single moms and their

children can enjoy a hot shower daily. Bridgewater Church purchased a new Kenmore washer and dryer for the Pleasant Hill homeless ministry. An attorney is helping Reverend Kennedy pro bono to form a non-profit corporation and apply for a grant to purchase a permanent site for the homeless ministry.

The three ladies on the far right in this photo are

members of Bridgewater Church – Sue Brooks, Jill Allen and Kelsey Remmelts – meeting with Reverend Kennedy and recipients of their ministry. A fourth Bridgewater member – Lynn LeBlanc, Deacon – took the photo. Incidentally, these same ladies also attended the "Theology Is a Verb" conference, obviously taking Colleen's challenge to heart!



Two teams of volunteers, from Georgia and South Carolina, were here last week to assist The Reverend Tom Bellon, his wife Liz, and their four daughters, to get back into their home after it was destroyed by a hurricane. Tom is the pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, Pointe aux Chenes, LA, near Houma. The Reverend Steve Graves, pastor of one of our sister churches, Mulberry Baptist Church,



Houma, has shown exemplary leadership in providing hospitality for the volunteers and in organizing the materials-list and supplies in preparation for the teams' arrival. The Bellon family has been living inside the



## Lake Providence Mission Trip (eleven on 11)

by Shannon Rutherford

On September 11th a group of 17 from University Baptist (college, youth, and adults) traveled through the rain to participate in a mission project in Lake Providence. By Friday it seemed that we were in day 30 of a 40 day flood. Our task was to clean, scrape, and paint the football stadium. This was a project that required the participation of the weather...so we prayed. It rained on us the whole way up to LP, BUT right before we got to the town it stopped raining! Would it start back? We didn't know.

The first group cheered on the Panthers in their toughest season game, then started the clean up when it was finished. There was many years of dirt and grime that had accumulated on the stadium. Thank you Jesus for pressure washers and the Hogewood family's pressure washing skills. We were able to clean half of the stadium by 1 am. Kate Murphy and her husband started the prep-work for the mascot mural. By this time the other group had pulled in and joined in the cleaning and prepping.

Saturday we awoke to another cloudy day, but so far no rain. With a visit to the local hardware store (by the way, I think jeans, boots, and a cowboy hat

were the proper attire), everyone was on their way to painting. Some were finishing the pressure washing, some were learning the joys of painting, and Kate and her husband from Alexandria were painting a beautiful picture of a panther at the entrance. Everyone had a job. We weren't able to finish, but the president of the school

board was so excited. It had needed painting for years, now the community will have to step in and finish it.

We packed everything up and admired our best efforts. Some of the football players stopped by and commented on the work. A big thing? Maybe not, but it showed this community that we were supporting them, loving them, and were continuing the commitment to walk with them out of poverty.

Did I mention that it didn't start to rain again until we left the city? That was NO small miracle.



The 6th annual Stagg-Tolbert Forum for Biblical Studies held September 26 in Baton Rouge featured Rev. Colleen Burroughs and a host of women leaders of all ages in Louisiana Fellowship churches.

Burroughs, citing her faith journey which began as a missionary kid growing up in Malawi, reminded us of the importance of remembering the past great work of God in our lives as we seek direction today.

It was a great day of celebration of gifts of music, proclamation, remembering, faith stories, laughter, tears, prayer and fellowship. Our offering initiated the Maggie Lee Henson scholarship for Women in Ministry.



Women leaders of 3 generations honored, receive Tolbert's book



3 generations honor Malcolm Tolbert



Rev. Enola Lee

**Winds Cont'd**

church building for many months, in less than comfortable conditions, and the goal is to have them in their new home by Christmas. Call me at (985) 778-6049, if you would like to help. You can see by the expressions on the faces of these volunteers that they receive just as big a blessing



as do the Bellon family. The gentleman with the cap is John Wyatt, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

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 Our Southern peer group, led by Jarrett Banks of Broadmoor Baptist, will meet on November 17th; 10AM, at St. Charles Avenue Baptist, where Travis Norvell recently arrived as the new pastor. The Northern peer group, led by Michael Anderson of Haynes Avenue Baptist, will meet on November 20th, at Southern Hills Baptist Church, Woody Janise, Pastor. The Lilly Foundation provides lunch. These monthly meetings are a meaningful time of fellowship, learning and mutual support.

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 Kyle and I have been brainstorming about the focus of our Spring Assembly and we're already getting excited. We are wanting to feature some homegrown folk who are up to their ears in hands-on, person-centered, "sticky" ministries that draw the un-churched and de-churched into ongoing congregational life. Once again, Kyle - our own version of "the great communicator" - has come up with a theme: "New Wineskins." You're going to like this one, too.

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 Years ago, I hosted a regular television program in Birmingham. One night, after interviewing Bob Harrington, self-proclaimed "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," I noticed he always wrote "K.L.U." after his autograph. He explained how it stood for: "KEEP LOOKING UP!" Hmmm. That's a reminder a lot of folks can use in times such as these.

In His Love,  
*Reid*

**Together for Hope Missionary Search**

Our previously announced candidate withdrew from consideration due to family concerns. Our committee remains active in our search. Please be in prayer for their work.

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TFH Missionary Fund	\$396.42	\$30,396.42
New Church Start	\$93.36	\$93.36
ML Henson Scholarship	\$1,424.00	\$1,424.00
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